

## **Istook Secures Endowment for Scholarship at Langston**

*Washington, DC* -- Congressman Ernest Istook (R-OK) announced today that \$225,000 is included in the FY 2003 Omnibus Appropriations bill for a new scholarship at Langston University.

Interest from the endowment funds will be used to establish a new scholarship, to be designated the "Thurgood Marshall Scholarship," for students applying to Langston University.

**"Langston University is very pleased to acknowledge receipt of these scholarship funds because it will help us to educate more students, and to do it in the name of Thurgood Marshall. It is a great, great honor,"** said Dr. Holloway, president of Langston University. **"We are very pleased and very thankful to Congressman Istook for his continued support for Langston and look forward to each visit."**

The FY 2003 Omnibus Appropriations bill is a compilation of 11 appropriation bills. It passed the U.S. House last week and is expected to pass the U.S. Senate this week and be signed into law by the President.

**"Langston University provides a quality education to many Oklahomans,"** said Istook. **"I'm pleased to help an Oklahoma institution like Langston and to honor a man like Thurgood Marshall, who earned such unique distinction in American history."**

A champion of civil rights, Thurgood Marshall was the first African-American to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. He served from 1967 to 1991. The funds secured by Istook will help ensure that Langston University, a historically black college, can expand the scholarships it offers to students.